

The contention of the two famous Houses,

Standly. Madam let's go vnto some house heereby,
Where you may shift your selfe before we go.

Elnor Ah good sir Iohn, my shame cannot be hid,
Nor put away with casting off my sheete:
But come let vs go, master Sheriffe farewell,
Thou hast but done thy office as thou shouldst.

Exit omnes

Enter to the Parliament.

*Enter two Heralds before, then the Duke of Buckingham, the Duke of
Suffolke, and then the Duke of Yorke, and the Cardinall of Winche-
ster, and then the King and the Queene, and then the Earle of Sa-
lisbury, and the Earle of Warwicke.*

King. I wonder our Vnkle Gloster stayes so long.

Queene. Can you not see? or will you not perceiue,
How that ambitious Duke doth vse himselfe?
The time hath beene, but now the time is past,
That none so humble as Duke Humfrey was:
But now let one meete him euen in the morne,
When euery one will giue the time of day,
Yet he will neither moue nor speake to vs.
See you not how the Commons follow him
In troopes, crying, God saue the good Duke Humfrey,
Honouring him as if he were their King?

Gloster is no little man in England,
And if he list to stirre commotions,
Tis likely that the people will follow him.
My Lord, if you imagine there is no such thing,
Then let it passe, and call't a Womans feare.
My Lord of Suffolke, Buckingham, and Yorke,
Disproue my allegations if you can,
And by your speeches, if you can reprove me,
I will subscribe and say, I wrong'd the Duke.

Suf. Well hath your Grace foreseene into that Duke,
And if I had beene licenc'd first to speake,
I thinke I should haue told your Graces tale.
Smooth runnes the brooke, vyhereas the streame is deepest.

No,

Torke and Lancaster

No, no, my Soueraigne, Gloster is a man
Vnsounded yet, and full of deepe deceit.

Enter the Duke of Somerset

King. Welcome Lord Somerset, welcome.
Somer. Cold newes my Lord, and that
That all your holds and Townes within
Is overcome my Lord; all is lost.

King. Cold newes indeede Lord Somerset,
but Gods will bee done.

Yorke. Cold newes for me, for I had
Euen as I haue of fertile England.

Enter Duke Humfrey

Hum. Pardon my Liege, that I haue

Suf. Nay Gloster know, that thou art
Vnlesse thou proue more loyall then thou
We do arrest thee on high Treason here.

Hum. Why Suffolkes Duke thou shalt
Nor change my countenance for thine
Whereof I am guilty, who are my accusers.

Torke. Tis thought my lord your grace
And stopt the soldiers of their pay,
Through which his Maiesty hath lost.

Hum. Is it but thought so? And what
So God me helpe, as I haue watcht this
Euer intending good for England still
That peny that euer I tooke from France
Be brought against me at the iudgement.
I neuer rob'd the soldiers of their pay,
Many a pound of mine owne proper
Haue I sent ouer for the soldiers wants.
Because I would not racke the needie.

Car. In your Protectorship you did
Strange torments for offenders, by which
England hath beene defam'd by tyrants.

Hum. Why tis well knowne, that
Pitty was all the fault that was in me.
A murderere or foule felonious Theefe